

placed on the list of National Historic Buildings. This honor was attributed to the church's Victorian Gothic architectural design, the melodious bell in the steeple towering over the brilliant stained glass windows, and its long and storied history.

Unfortunately, hardship struck on February 10, 1990, when a tornado swept through the community and severely damaged the church. As plans were drawn to restore the building, a second tornado created further damage to the structure on February 22, 1990. In a demonstration of compassion and unity, a great number of nearby churches opened their doors to the members of St. John. Reverend Elijah Smith, alongside other officers and the congregation, accepted the generous invitation extended to them by the Reverend Eugene Adams, Jr. from the nearby Saint James A.M.E. Church.

Eventually, the members of the St. John family made the decision to relocate and build a new church on Steam Mill Road in Columbus. The grand opening ceremony for the new location took place on September 2, 1991.

While the original location of the church is no longer in service, its members still consider that first edifice near and dear to their hearts. Thankfully, certain items, such as the stained glass windows, brass railings, and various pieces of furniture, were salvaged from the original location and artfully incorporated into the new church.

The story of St. John A.M.E. and its long history of coming together through the good and difficult times is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord. Today, the church continues to flourish under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Debora F. Grant.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church on its 144 remarkable years of worship and service in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF IRONWORKERS LOCAL UNION 155

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ironworkers Local Union 155 (Local 155) organization in celebration of their 100th anniversary.

On March 11, 1914, the Local 155 came into existence. The Local 155 was founded by great visionaries who saw an opportunity to extend the services of a Local Union to the Central Valley. Starting off from humble beginnings with just a mere \$28.50 in their general fund, the Local 155 has grown into a leader in the ironworker industry for not only California's Central Valley but also in parts of Nevada.

The Local 155 attributes much of their success to the founding fathers of the union. Their first president, L.R. Boltinghouse, Financial Secretary, Paul Kidd, and Recording Secretary, T.F. Harrigan all took the risk and responsibility of starting a Local Union. Their efforts paved the way for many more officers and workers to follow in their footsteps and become a part of the Local 155.

The Local 155 is a union which works to enrich the lives of residents in the Central Valley. They have proudly served the Fresno area and have made outstanding strides for the local economy. Although the Local 155 has battled some tough times, they always continue on with impressive resiliency. In addition, they have made great progress to improve the working conditions and wages for ironworkers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Ironworkers Local Union 155 in celebration of the 100th Anniversary. I would like to thank them for their service in the Central Valley and wish them many more years of success.

#### PERIPHERAL AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPATHIES AWARENESS

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to rare and serious autoimmune neuropathies such as Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN), and related conditions. These diseases cause the body's immune system to attack healthy organs and tissues. In the case of conditions like GBS, CIDP, and MMN, the immune system attacks the body's peripheral nervous system.

As we find with so many ailments, awareness, recognition, and an early and accurate diagnosis are key to mitigating the serious health consequences of peripheral autoimmune neuropathies. The earlier treatment begins, the better the prognosis for the affected individual. These conditions can be progressive, and any delays in medical intervention can result in the patient being completely immobilized and using a ventilator to breathe, with the potential for residual damage and disability. Essentially, the more damage that is done to the nervous system, the longer it takes to heal.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), symptoms are related to the type of affected nerve and may be seen over a period of days, weeks, or years. Muscle weakness is the most common symptom of motor nerve damage. Other symptoms may include painful cramps and uncontrolled muscle twitching visible under the skin, muscle loss, bone degeneration, and changes in the skin, hair, and nails. NIH plays a crucial role in the effort to combat these conditions, as treatment options are limited and diagnosis can be difficult. While there are many known triggers for the conditions, the underlying causes have yet to be defined. Investment in medical research and scientific innovation is needed to identify the root cause of these conditions and to improve the lives of affected individuals.

This October, the GBS/CIDP Foundation International is coordinating the 13th International Symposium on GBS, CIDP, MMN, and related conditions. This event will bring leading scientific minds, patients, and other stakeholders together with the goal of advancing our understanding of these conditions and improving care for affected individuals. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this

community's ongoing effort to raise awareness and advance medical research. We extend our sincerest gratitude and strong support as these dedicated individuals come together to collectively reach toward knowledge, cures, and the promise of healthier lives for all.

#### RECOGNIZING ARROWHEAD BUILDING SUPPLY, INC.

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arrowhead Building Supply, Inc. on receiving the Small Business of the Year award presented by the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

Arrowhead Building Supply, Inc. arrived in the Branson area four years ago and has made its mission to develop relationships and trust in the community. Arrowhead prides itself on integrity, a principle that has helped it fit in well with the Branson community.

With services like same day delivery, roofing recycling bins, and job lockers, Arrowhead provides value that other suppliers simply cannot match. Arrowhead designs and builds all of its own delivery equipment, job lockers, and shingling recycling bins. Manufacturing its own products allows it to save time and service more customers in a day.

Arrowhead has gone above and beyond to become a part of the Branson community and we are lucky to have it and the outstanding services it provides to customers.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Arrowhead Building Supply, Inc. on receiving the Small Business of the Year award.

#### PROMOTING JOB CREATION AND REDUCING SMALL BUSINESS BURDENS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 15, 2014*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I oppose The Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act, (H.R. 5405). This bill contains 11 separate bills some of which I support and some I oppose. This legislation contains a number of potentially significant deregulatory measures, many of which are being addressed by regulatory action by the Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodities Futures Trading Commission. These bills stop those productive efforts replacing them with sweeping deregulation which I think is worse for investors and the economy.

I specifically wish to draw attention to my concerns with The Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act (H.R. 4164)—Title VII of this bill. This bill would exempt nearly 60 percent of public companies from complying with the EXTensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) requirement. XBRL is an improvement the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) started in 2009 to enable more efficient investing, especially investing in smaller firms. Instead of investors, the public and regulators